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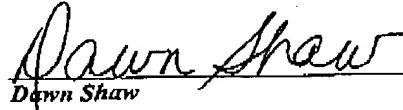
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Application No.	09/422,046
Filing Date	October 20, 1999
First Named Inventor	Stephen J. Brown
Art Unit	3626
Examiner Name	Kalinowski, Alexander G.
Attorney Docket Number	6858P018X4

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** [Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).]

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ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other EIDS submitted 3/29/04

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

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i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)

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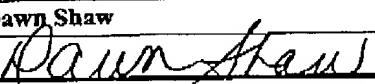
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 285	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	20* = 0	18.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent	3* = 0	86.00	\$0.00

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 260	2203 145	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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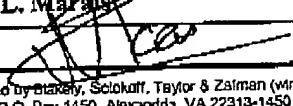
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2053 130	2063 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
1802 600	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)		Suspension of Time	130.00
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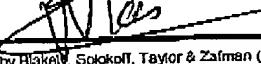
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